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REMARKS		

1. On 20 November 1953, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne (1306) in Dresden quartered 3,000 to 3,300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 60 percent of the troops wore artillery insignia, 20 percent motor transport insignia and 10 percent signal insignia. The troops included about 300 uniformed women who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 8 November, about 2,500 troops fell in for roll call while about 200 soldiers marched into the installation, coming from the direction of the firing range. On 10 November, about 200 soldiers equipped with 21 heavy machine guns, submachine guns and carbines engaged in combat training on the garrison training grounds or practiced firing with live ammunition at the nearby target range. At about 7 p.m. on 13 November, 33 trucks and 4 prime movers towing 18 152-mm howitzers moved into the installation. On 17 November, about 50 soldiers cleaned 6 x 35-mm AT guns in the barracks yard. On 20 November, 4 trucks towing 76-mm AT guns moved out of the installation, heading toward Kreischa. AT gun firing was heard from the direction of Kreischa a short time later.

2. On 16 November, the Wilder Mann SS Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. On 29 October, about 50 soldiers constructed two additional firing lanes at the nearby firing range. On 9 November, about 80 soldiers trained with 7 T-34 tanks, 11 jeeps and 20 motorcycles near the garages. 5x37-mm AA guns were emplaced at the ammunition depot northwest of the installation. On 14 November, about 150 soldiers with 6 light machine guns and submachine guns engaged in combat practice on Auf dem Heller. On 16 November, 12 new trucks and a new tank truck were seen en route toward the barracks installation. Motor vehicles were identified at the installation.

3. On 20 November, JS-2 tanks left the Hermann Goering Kaserne toward the Heller and, on 21 November, T-34 tank in Hellerau.

Comment. According to previous reports the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Nickern is rather definitely believed to quarter

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the 399th Gds How Arty Regt and 53d Gds RL Bn of the 11th Gds Tank Div and a motorcycle battalion of the First Gds Mecz Army or 11th Gds Tank Div.

The artillery regiment has repeatedly been reported [redacted]

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[redacted] however, with varying statements on gun calibers. The statement that about 2,500 troops were quartered in the installation on 8 November is credible. However as the units mentioned do not make up 2,500 men, still other units must be stationed there. Since [redacted]

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[redacted] 120-mm mortars and 21 heavy machine guns were reported, the 27th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt, whose quarters have so far been undetermined, may also be stationed there. [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. Units stationed in the SS Kaserne are believed to include a motorcycle battalion.

3. [redacted] Comment. The 40th Gds Tank Regt is probably stationed in the Hermann Goering Kaserne. Tanks [redacted] are carried with the regiment.

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